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### *SALT Violations*

A major issue developing within the Reagan Administration is its policy on Soviet Union compliance with strategic arms agreements. A senior interagency group meeting to prepare for the May 27 Standing Consultative Commission meeting with the Russians rapidly focused on compliance, "or rather the failure of the U. S. in the past to come down hard on the Soviets for non-compliance with SALT treaties," one White House official said last week. Richard Perle, assistant Defense secretary designate for international security policy and a former Senate staff member vocal on Soviet SALT violations, pressed for a hard policy line to insure Russian compliance with any agreement as the central issue to continuing arms control negotiations. Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., State Dept. under secretary for political affairs, chaired the meeting, and Central Intelligence Agency representatives wanted to take a softer line on pressing the Soviets about possible violations of SALT. "The overriding question is whether we will go back to business as usual and sweep things under the rug just to get an arms control agreement, or whether we will demand compliance up front before we try to go further with SALT," the White House official said. "After all, the standing commission is very much like two parties in litigation with no judge to render the verdict."